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The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

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Arun Chaloori Tilton Lakes Ventures 622 Laconia Road Tilton, NH 03276

Subject: Tilton - Public Water System: Tilton Quick Mart and Gulf Gas (EPA# 2358190)

Dear Mr. Chaloori:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Tilton Quick Mart and Gulf Gas water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system supplying 15 or more services, or 25 or more people, for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that the subject water system failed to submit bacteria samples and as a result Notices of Violation (NOVs) were issued for the following months:

January 2006 and July 2006

Pursuant to Env-Ws 351, a public water system is required to issue public notification whenever it has failed to monitor for bacteriological water quality. On April 14, 2006, DES issued Tilton Quick Mart and Gulf Gas water system a "Notice of Failure to Give Public Notification For A Bacteria M/R Violation" for the January 2006 violation. As of the date of this letter, DES has not received your proof of Public Notice.

DES believes these violations and be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- 1. By October 2, 2006, submit a "make-up" water sample for bacteria analysis to the state laboratory, or a state-certified laboratory, in accordance with NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 325; and
- 2. By October 2, 2006, submit proof of public notice for the January 2006 and July 2006 bacteria monitoring violations, in accordance with the instructions on the enclosed public notice template.

DES Web site: www.des.nh.gov

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may initiate formal action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding, and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

Please continue to submit water samples according to the water system's enclosed Master Sampling Schedule.

Please contact Allyson Gourley by phone at (603) 271-0672 or by e-mail at agourley@des.state.nh.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Pillsbury, P.G., Administrator Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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Master Sampling Schedule Laboratory Analysis Form Public Notice Template

cc w/o encl.:

Heather Kimball, Sampling Agent

Gretchen R. Hamel, DES Legal Unit Administrator

Town of Tilton Health Officer

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